

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing Of Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a user interface for defining an electronic message handling rule, the method comprising:

receiving a request to create the electronic message handling rule, wherein receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule comprises receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule from a user interface button displayed within an electronic message reading pane;

in response to the request, identifying a context in which the request to create the electronic message handling rule was received, wherein the identified context being associated with comprises receiving a subscription alert, wherein receiving the subscription alert comprises:

receiving an electronic mail message,

parsing the electronic mail message to determine whether the electronic mail message was generated by the subscription alert,

in response to determining that the electronic mail message was generated by the subscription alert, providing [[a]] the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, and

providing a preview of the electronic mail message generated by the subscription alert, wherein providing the preview of the electronic mail message generated by the subscription alert comprises providing the preview of the electronic mail message in the reading pane; and

upon selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, providing a user interface dialog box comprising a first portion for identifying conditions for the electronic mail handling rule and a second portion for identifying action associated with the conditions; and  
providing, in response to a selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, a user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule, wherein providing, in response to the selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule comprises customizing a contents of the user interface is customized based on the identified context associated with an operation on the electronic mail message, the operation comprising one of the following: reading the electronic mail message, selecting the electronic mail message, and creating the subscription alert associated with the electronic mail message, wherein providing, in response to the selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule further comprises providing:

a first user interface object for defining at least one condition for the electronic message handling rule, wherein a drop down menu is adjacent to the at least one condition, wherein, in response to selecting the drop down menu, a

list of entries displays customized conditions for the electronic message handling rule based on the identified context,

a second user interface object for defining at least one action to be performed when the at least one condition is satisfied, wherein the at least one action to be performed comprises at least one of the following: displaying a new item alert window, selecting a sound, playing the selected sound, previewing the selected sound, moving the electronic mail message to a selected folder, speaking selected text, and previewing the selected text, and

a third user interface object for defining the electronic message handling rule that contains all possible actions and all possible conditions.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein providing the first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule [[is]] comprises providing a subset of all possible conditions for the electronic message handling rule.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first user-interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule providing, in response to the selection of the user interface button for creating the

electronic message handling rule, the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule further comprises providing a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on an identity of a sender of the received electronic mail message.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule providing, in response to the selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule further comprises providing~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of the received electronic mail message.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule providing, in response to the selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule further comprises providing~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on an identity of at least one intended recipient of the electronic mail message.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the first user-interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule providing, in response to the selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule further comprises providing~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on an identity of the intended recipient of the created electronic mail message.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the first user-interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule providing, in response to the selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule further comprises providing~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of the created electronic mail message.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein defining the at least one condition for the electronic message handling rule comprises defining the at least one condition to be associated with receiving an alert electronic mail message generated as a result of the subscription alert.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the first user-interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule providing, in response to the selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule further comprises providing~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the selected name.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the first user-interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule providing, in response to the selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule further comprises providing~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on a subject of the received electronic mail message when the context comprises selecting a name.

16.-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A contextually sensitive user interface provided to a display device by a processing unit coupled to a memory storage component having a set of instructions which when executed by the processing unit cause a display of the

contextually-sensitive user interface for defining an electronic message handling rule, the user interface provided by the set of instructions comprising:

a first user interface object provided to a display device for defining at least one condition for the electronic message handling rule[[.]]; wherein

a drop down menu [[is]] adjacent to the ~~at-least-one-condition~~ first user interface object, wherein the drop down menu being configured to, in response to selecting a selection of the drop down menu, provide a list of entries displays having customized conditions for the electronic message handling rule based on an identified context, ~~the first user interface object selected at least in part based upon a context~~ in which a request to create the electronic message handling rule was received, the identified context corresponding to receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule from a user interface button displayed within an electronic message reading pane and wherein the context comprises receiving a subscription alert, wherein receiving the subscription alert comprises:

receiving an electronic mail message,

parsing the electronic mail message to determine whether the electronic mail message was generated by the subscription alert,

in response to determining that the electronic mail message was generated by the subscription alert, providing a user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, and

providing a preview of the electronic mail message generated by the subscription alert, wherein providing the preview of the electronic mail message generated by the subscription alert comprises providing the preview of the

electronic mail message in a reading pane of a software for proving the electronic mail message;

upon selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, providing a user interface dialog box comprising a first portion for identifying conditions for the electronic mail handling rule and a second portion for identifying action associated with the conditions;

a second user interface object for defining at least one action to be performed if the at least one specified condition is satisfied, wherein the at least one action to be performed comprises at least one of the following: displaying a new item alert window, selecting a sound, playing the selected sound, previewing the selected sound, moving the electronic mail message to a selected folder, speaking selected text, and previewing the selected text; and

a third user interface object for defining the electronic message handling rule that contains all of the possible actions and all of the possible conditions.

19. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, ~~wherein the first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule comprises further comprising~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the identity of a sender of the electronic mail message when the identified context comprises reading the electronic mail message.

20. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, ~~wherein the first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule comprises further comprising~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of the electronic mail message when the identified context comprises reading the electronic mail message.

21. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, ~~wherein the first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule comprises further comprising~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on an identity of at least one intended recipient of the electronic mail message when the identified context comprises reading the electronic mail message.

22. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, ~~wherein the first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule comprises further comprising~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on an identity of the intended recipient of the electronic mail message when the identified context comprises creating the electronic mail message.

23. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, ~~wherein the first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule comprises further comprising~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of the electronic mail message when the identified context comprises creating the electronic mail message.

24. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, ~~wherein the first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule comprises further comprising~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the selected name when the identified context comprises selecting a name.

25. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, ~~wherein the first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule comprises further comprising~~ a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of a received electronic mail message when the identified context comprises selecting a name.

26.-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, further comprising[[:] ~~a simplified user interface a fourth user interface object~~ containing a subset of all actions for defining the at least one condition and the at least one action for handling the electronic message.

31. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 30, wherein the fourth simplified user interface object contains at least one commonly utilized action to be performed.

32. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a user interface for defining an electronic message handling rule, the system comprising:

a memory storage; and

a processing unit coupled to the memory storage, wherein the processing unit is operative to:

receive a request to create the electronic message handling rule, ~~wherein receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule comprises receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule from a user interface button displayed within an electronic message reading pane;~~

in response to the request, identify a context in which the request to create the electronic message handling rule was received, ~~wherein the identified context comprises a context selected from one of: creating a creation of an alert subscription comprising a generation of an alert electronic mail message and receiving a receipt of [[a]] the alert subscription alert, wherein creating an alert-~~

subscription comprises generating an alert electronic mail message, and wherein receiving the subscription alert comprises comprising:

receiving a receipt of the generated alert electronic mail message,

parsing a parsing of the generated alert electronic message to

determine whether the generated alert electronic mail message was generated by the alert subscription, and

in response to determining a determination that the generated alert electronic mail message was generated by the alert subscription,

providing a provision of a user interface button for creating configured to create the electronic message handling rule, and

a preview of the generated alert electronic mail message generated by the alert subscription, wherein the preview of the generated alert electronic mail message generated by the alert subscription comprises providing the preview of the generated alert electronic mail message in the reading pane; and

upon selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, providing a user interface dialog box comprising a first portion for identifying conditions for the electronic mail handling rule and a second portion for identifying action associated with the conditions; and

providing provide a user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule, wherein a contents of the user interface is customized based on the identified context associated with an operation on the electronic mail message, the operation comprising one of the following: a reading of an

electronic mail message, selecting the electronic mail message, and creating a creation of the alert subscription associated with the electronic mail message, wherein the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule comprises:

a first user interface object for defining at least one condition for the electronic message handling rule, wherein a drop down menu is adjacent to the at least one condition, wherein, in response to selecting the drop down menu, a list of entries displays are operative to display customized conditions for the electronic message handling rule based on the identified context; and,

a second user interface object for defining at least one action to be performed if the at least one condition is satisfied, wherein the at least one action to be performed comprises at least one of the following: displaying a display of a new item alert window, selecting a selection of a sound, a playing of the selected sound, a preview of previewing the selected sound, a moving of the electronic message to a selected folder, a speaking of selected text, and a preview of previewing the selected text, and

a third user interface object for defining the electronic message handling rule that contains all possible actions and all possible conditions.